

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN SHIELL ANDERSON**, on January 11, 1999
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Shiell Anderson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Rick Jore, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Robert C Clark (R)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Donald L Hedges (R)
Rep. Carol C Juneau (D)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 129, POSTED 1-8-99
Executive Action: HB 189, DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 129

Sponsor: Rep. Jay Stovall, HD 16, said this Bill would revise the law pertaining to highway hazards, authorized emergency vehicles and emergency service vehicles, including commercial tow trucks.
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Proponents: Alan Riley, Eastwood Fire Chief, Billings.
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Bill Fleiner, Montana Sheriffs' Association.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.7 - 16.6}

Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.6 - 18.8}

Col. Craig Reap, Montana Highway Patrol Chief.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.8 - 19.2}

Pat Clinch, Montana School for Fire Safety.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.2 - 19.8}

Opponents: Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.8 - 22.8}

Informational Witness: John Blacker, Maintenance Administrator, Department of Transportation.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.8 - 24.7}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke to Alan Riley.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.7 - 25.4}

Rep. Brainard to Alan Riley.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.4 - 28.3}

Rep. Golie to Al Smith.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.3 - 29.6}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Stovall closed the Hearing on HB 129.
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Chairman Anderson asked for volunteers from the Committee to meet with Sponsor, Rep. Stovall, to work on the Bill. Reps. Donald Hedges and Frank Smith volunteered.
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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 189

Motion: Rep. Barnett moved HB 189 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously 18-0.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 33.4 - 33.9}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 187

Motion: Rep. Bob Clark moved HB 187 DO PASS.

Motion: Rep. Brainard moved to amend HB 187.

Discussion: Reps. Jore, Brainard, Golie, Smith, Hedges, Juneau, Paul Clark. Responses by Leanne Kurtz and John Blacker. Rep. Brainard will meet with Leanne Kurtz to draft an amendment.

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Motion: Rep. Bob Clark made a motion to withdraw his original motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:50 P.M.

REP. SHIELL ANDERSON, Chairman

MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (trh07aad)